

THE MASS

(ORGAN PRELUDE)

(HYMN)

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Before the principal Mass on Sunday, the Priest sprinkles the Congregation with holy water as a weekly reminder of their Baptism. On most Sundays in the Church Year the Choir sings ASPERGES ME as given below. On Easter they sing VIDI AQUAM; this continues until and including Pentecost Sunday.

Asperges Me

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, O Lord, and I shall be clean: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Psalm. Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness: according to the multitude of thy mercies, do away mine offences.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, O Lord, and I shall be clean: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us pray. Graciously hear us, O Lord

holy, Father Almighty, everlasting God: and vouchsafe to send thy holy angel from heaven to guard and cherish, to protect and visit, and to defend all who dwell in this thy holy habitation, Through Christ our Lord.

R. AMEN.

Vidi Aquam

I saw water proceeding out of the temple, from the right side thereof, alleluia: and all men, whithersoever the waters shall come, shall be healed, and shall say, alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm. O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: because his mercy endureth for ever.

Glory be to the Father

I saw water proceeding out of the temple, from the right side thereof, alleluia: and all men, whithersoever the waters shall come, shall be healed, and shall say, alleluia, alleluia.

The Versicles and Responses together with the Collect are then said as at Asperges Me.

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The Celebrant with his server now recites THE PREPARATION AT THE FOOT OF THE ALTAR. This consists of Psalm 43 and a Confession of Sins. This is said in a low voice at Low Mass, and is said during the sung Introit at a Solemn Mass or High Mass.

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THE INTROIT FOR THE DAY

KYRIE ELEISON

V. Kyrie eleison.
R. Kyrie eleison.
V. Kyrie eleison.
R. Christe eleison.
V. Christe eleison.
R. Christe eleison.

V. Kyrie eleison.
R. Kyrie eleison.
V. Kyrie eleison.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

V. Glory be to God on high
R. And on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee, *we worship thee, we
glorify thee, *we give thanks to thee for thy great
glory, O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father Al-
mighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest
away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy
upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right
hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O*Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most
high in the glory of God the + Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us pray.

Here the Celebrant says or sings The Collect
for the Day. At the end, all respond:

R. AMEN.

THE EPISTLE

V. The Lesson from the Epistle of _____
the Apostle to the _____.

Here the appointed Person reads the Lesson or
the Epistle.

At the conclusion of the Lesson, all respond at a
Low Mass.

R. Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Here follows the Hymn or Anthem appointed for the Gradual of the Day. There may be a Tract, Alleluia, or Sequence, as the Season or quality of the Mass requires.

At a Solemn or Sung Mass the Choir sings the Gradual; at a Low Mass, the Celebrant reads the Gradual.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

V. The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to _____.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Here the Deacon chants the gospel at a Solemn Mass; the Celebrant reads it at a Low Mass. After the Gospel, all respond at a Low Mass:

R. Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The response is omitted at a Solemn or Sung Mass.

THE NICENE CREED

V. I believe in one God
R. the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, (GENUFLECT) And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, AND WAS MADE MAN: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and

was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one (Holy) Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the + Life of the world to come.
AMEN.

THE SERMON

THE OFFERTORY

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us pray.

At Solemn Mass or Sung Mass, here the Choir sings the appointed Psalm Verse for the Offertory; At a Low Mass, the Celebrant reads this verse.

The Minister prepares the Oblations for the Holy Eucharist, and if there is to be one, the Offering is taken from the faithful.

At Solemn and Sung Mass, incense is here offered.

V. Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

R. May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his Name, both to our benefit and that of all his Holy Church.

The Priest goes on to pray that God will accept the offering in THE PRAYER OVER THE OBLATIONS (SECRET).

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

V. Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church.

FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE OFFERING

Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our (alms and) oblations, and to receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty;

FOR THE CHURCH AND ITS UNITY

Beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

FOR ALL RULERS OF MEN

We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

FOR ALL BISHOPS, PRIESTS AND DEACONS

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy sacraments.

FOR THE CONGREGATION

And to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

FOR THE TEMPTED AND TRIED

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

FOR THE DEPARTED

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, Who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

R. AMEN.

THE PREFACE

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up unto the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

R. It is meet and right so to do.

V. It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places,

give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father,
Almighty, Everlasting God.

Here follows the PROPER PREFACE for
the Day or Season, and

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and
with all the company of heaven, we laud and
magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising
thee, and saying,

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven
and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to
thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed + is he that cometh in the Name of
the Lord: Hosannah in the Highest.

THE CANON OF THE MASS
THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again:

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat,

THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU:

Do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise, after supper, he took the Cup; and when

he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying,
Drink ye all of this;

FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW TESTAMENT WHICH IS
SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS;

Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance
of me.

(THE OBLATION)

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to
the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour
Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate
and make here before thy Divine Majesty, with these
thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the
memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having
in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; render-
ing unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable
benefits procured unto us by the same.

(THE INVOCATION)

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father,
to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe
to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit,
these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that
we, receiving them according to thy Son our Saviour
Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of
his death and passion, may be partakers of his most
blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness, merci-
fully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and
thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant
that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ,
and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole
Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all
other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and
present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and
bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice

unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, and we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most Precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

(Remember, Lord, also the souls of thy servants and handmaidens, who have gone before us with the mark of faith, and who rest in the sleep of peace. To them, O Lord, and unto all such as rest in Christ, grant, we beseech thee, a place of refreshing, of light, and of peace.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

R. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

V. Let us pray. And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,
Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation,

R. But deliver us from evil. AMEN.

At Low Mass the people say the entire Lord's prayer with the celebrating priest.

THE BREAKING OF BREAD

Here the Celebrant breaks the sacred Host.
After which is said:

V. Throughout all ages world without end.
R. AMEN.

THE PAX

V. The peace of the Lord be with you alway.
R. And with thy spirit.

AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

(At a Requiem Mass have mercy upon us is not said, but in its place grant them rest, and the third time is added grant them rest everlasting.)

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

At a Low Mass here is said the Prayer of Humble Access; At a Solemn Mass this is said at the time of the Holy Communion devotions.

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his

body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.

R. AMEN.

THE COMMUNION OF THE CELEBRANT

As the Celebrant prepares to receive Holy Communion, the bell is rung three times. This is the signal for the Faithful to approach the Altar to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

After you have arrived at the Altar, join in this GENERAL CONFESSSION:

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent. And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is tolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honor and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN.

Then the Celebrant turns to the People for this Absolution:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who hath hearty repentence and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon

+ and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

R. AMEN.

At Solemn Mass the Celebrant reads the PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS at this point.

The Celebrant, holding up one of the Hosts, turns to the People, saying:

Behold the Lamb of God; behold Him that taketh away the sins of the world.

The People join with the Celebrant in saying three times:

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

At a Solemn or Sung Mass, the Choir sings the COMMUNION VERSE at this point.

THE ABLUTIONS

After the Holy Communion has been distributed to the People, the Celebrant returns to the Altar and cleanses the vessels. He washes the Cup with wine and then with wine and water.

THE THANKSGIVING

Having cleansed the vessels, the Celebrant says this Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus

Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most previous death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.

R. AMEN.

At Low Mass the Celebrant here reads the COMMUNION VERSE. He reads the proper POST-COMMUNION COLLECT.

THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us pray

R. AMEN.

THE DISMISSAL

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

(ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA)

V. Depart in peace (OR)

R. Thanks be to God()

V. Let us Bless the Lord
R. Thanks be to God.

(ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA)

(At a Requiem Mass in place of Depart in peace
is said + May they rest in peace and the response
AMEN.)

THE BLESSING

The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the Bless + ing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

R. AMEN

(THE SECOND GOSPEL)

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Here the Celebrant reads the first fourteen verses of the Gospel of Saint John (THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, Pages 97 f.).

At Low Mass the response is made:

R. Thanks be to God.)

(HYMN)

(ORGAN POSTLUDE)

TYPES OF CELEBRATIONS

SOLEMN MASS -

A Mass celebrated with 3 sacred ministers - Celebrant, Deacon, Sub-Deacon - and a Choir, using incense and a fuller ceremonial.

HIGH MASS -

A Mass celebrated by one Priest with a Choir. It is very much like a Low Mass, except that all parts are sung by the Celebrant and Choir and incense may be used.

LOW MASS - A Mass celebrated by one Priest, in which everything is read. It is usual to have one Server at a Low Mass.

REQUIEM MASS -

A Mass celebrated for the happy repose of the soul of one of the Faithful departed. Black vestments are used as well as unbleached candles. A Requiem Mass may be Solemn, Sung, or Low.

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